
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A STUDY TO ASSESS THE FEASIBILITY OF DEVELOPING A
PARK IN KAPOHO, HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, Kapoho was once a thriving village complete with
2 two small town stores, a school, a railroad station, a dance
3 hall, and the famed swimming spot known as "Warm Springs," with
4 its thermally heated water, which was filmed in the Hollywood
5 movie "Bird of Paradise"; and

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7 WHEREAS, the Kumukahi Lighthouse is located in Kapoho; and

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9 WHEREAS, Kumukahi Lighthouse is of great spiritual
10 importance to native Hawaiians because it was spared from
11 destruction in the 1960's lava flow that destroyed the village
12 of Kapoho; and

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14 WHEREAS, Kumukahi Lighthouse is visited by a cross-section
15 of local residents and tourists; and

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17 WHEREAS, Kapoho maintains its natural beauty and is not
18 only a historical asset but also is conducive to and promotes
19 recreational activities, such as camping, walking, bicycling,
20 hiking along horse trail paths, shoreline fishing, and
21 relaxation; and

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23 WHEREAS, our historical sites, beaches, and shorelines
24 provide an essential and unique attraction to returning and
25 potential visitors to Hawaii; and

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27 WHEREAS, the Department of Land and Natural Resources may
28 designate, and bring under its control and management, public
29 lands as part of the state park system; now, therefore,

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31 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
32 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
33 of 2006, that the Department of Land and Natural Resources is
34 requested to conduct a feasibility study to develop a park in



1 the Kapoho area of Hawaii that includes the Kumukahi Lighthouse;
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department is requested to
5 address the following in the study:

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7 (1) Public access to the shoreline;
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9 (2) Plans and designs for parks, a roadway, campsites, and
10 shower and toilet facilities that respect and
11 compliment the island's natural beauty;
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13 (3) Restoration and maintenance of beach shorelines and
14 historical sites in Kapoho;
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16 (4) A timetable for implementation of improvements and
17 projected expenses; and
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19 (5) Other issues deemed necessary or desirable by the
20 Department; and
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and
23 Natural Resources is requested to report its findings and
24 recommendations, including any necessary proposed legislation,
25 to the Legislature not less than twenty days prior to the
26 convening of the Regular Session of 2007; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
29 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
30 Land and Natural Resources, and the Mayor and council members of
31 the county of Hawaii.
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OFFERED BY: *Heene H. Hale*

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